## COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY EXECUTIVE BRANCH ETHICS COMMISSION AGENCY NO. 18-019

EXECUTIVE BRANCH ETHICS COMMISSION

**COMPLAINANT** 

v.

JOHN MELLO

RESPONDENT

## AGREED FINAL ORDER

WHEREAS, the parties having reached a settlement in this matter, and the Executive Branch Ethics Commission being otherwise sufficiently advised,

## IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND ADJUDGES as follows:

- 1. The executed Settlement Agreement, attached hereto as Exhibit A, is incorporated by reference as if fully stated herein.
- 2. John Mello shall pay the civil penalty in the total amount of four thousand dollars (\$4,000) by mailing a check or money order payable to the Kentucky State Treasurer so that is received by the Executive Branch Ethics Commission on or before January 16, 2020.
- 3. If John Mello fails to make payment in full by the deadline, then Mr. Mello agrees to be responsible for the full civil penalty allowable pursuant to KRS 11A.100(3)(e) of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) per count for a total amount owing of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), which will be reduced by any payments Mr. Mello has made prior to the deadline.
- 4. If John Mello fails to make payment in full in the method described in Paragraph 2 above, then the Executive Branch Ethics Commission may immediately file an

enforcement action in Franklin Circuit Court for the unpaid balance of the civil penalty, plus twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of default, until the civil penalty is paid in full, as well as any expenses and attorney's fees associated with collecting the judgment.

Upon full payment of the civil penalty, this case shall be dismissed as settled.
SO ORDERED, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2019.

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Seen and Agreed by:

John Mello

Whitney True Lawson, Attorney for Respondent

Hon. Michael W. Board, General Counsel

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